

Embassy Dinners Precede Opera

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Embassy row was the scene last evening of several gala dinners before the special showing of the film "Der Rosenkavalier" at the Apex Theater.

The opera by Richard Strauss was filmed in color by the Rank Organization of Great Britain during the Salzburg Festival in 1962 and last night's performance benefitted the Opera Society of Washington.

Sponsoring the event were British Ambassador and Lady Ormsby Gore and Austrian Ambassador and Mrs. Platzer. Both couples were among those giving early dinners beforehand.

Austrians Dinner

Among the guests invited to the Austrian Embassy were the Ambassador of Paraguay and Mrs. Plate, the Ambassador of the Philippines and Mrs. Mutuc, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Amory, Jr., Mrs. Robert Low Bacon and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Becker with their special guests, movie star Francis Lederer and his wife.

Others were Legal Advisor to the State Department and Mrs. Abram Chayes, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Claytor, Mrs. Felix de Weldon, Mrs. Loudon Mellen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ben Smith and Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Leigh Wade.

The Ormsby Gore's list included Ambassador On Sein of Burma, Ambassador of Jamaica and Lady Ashenheim, former Attorney General and Mrs. Francis Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Canitz, Countess d'Amegourt, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Finkenshaedt and former Ambassador and Mrs. Clifford Folger.

Also expected were Mr. and Mrs. David Ginsburg, Mrs. Polk Guest, former Undersecretary of Commerce and

Mrs. Edward Gudeman, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Le Baron, Mrs. Robert R. McCormick, Mrs. Lolo Sarnoff, Mrs. Arthur Schlesinger, jr., wife of the Special Assistant to the President; Mr. and Mrs. Hobart A. Spalding, Mrs. Raymond Tartiere and former Ambassador and Mrs. Orme Wilson.

The Ambassador of the Netherlands and Mrs. van Rijen were other hosts at a buffet supper before the film.

Their list included the Ambassador of Australia and Lady Beale, the Ambassador of Malaya and Mrs. Dato Ong Yoke Lin, Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Representative Frances Bolton, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and Mrs. Allen W. Dulles and Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Glover, jr.

Completing this group were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lippmann, Mrs. George Maurice Morris, Admiral and Mrs. Neill Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Russell, the Rev. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, jr. and Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell True, jr.

The Ambassador of Luxembourg and Mrs. Heisbourg were the other embassy couple giving a party before the film showing.

Their invited guests included the Polish Ambassador and Mrs. Drozniak, the Ambassador of Sierra Leone and Mrs. Kelfa-Caulker, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burling, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Neil Carothers, III, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cox and Mrs. O. Max Gardner.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Hamm, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Lananhan, Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Magnuson, Mr. Gerson Nordlinger, jr. and Mrs. Bruce Sundlun.